

Serial No.: 10/801,231

Status of the Claims

1-29 are pending herein.

Restriction

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I, claims 1-23, drawn to a method of providing a polymeric body within a subject; classified in class 604, subclass 509;

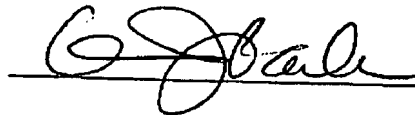
Group II, claim 24 drawn to a crosslinked polymeric body; classified in class 606, subclass 200;

Group III, claims 25-29, drawn to a device for providing a polymeric body within a subject; classified in class 604, subclass 96.01;

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-23, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits. The election is respectfully made with traverse because it is believed that a search and examination of the entire application may be made without serious burden.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at 703-433-0510 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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